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1. At 1000 hours on 15 April 1952, three Soviet minesweepers were seen executing maneuvers between N 54-23, E 12-00 and N 54-23, E 12-15. The weather was slightly hazy, the sea calm, the barometer reading 1029 millibars, and the wind blew with force 1 or 2 from the east.
2. There were numerous buoys between which the vessels steamed up and down, in line abreast or line ahead, alternately, towing their sweeps. They turned or altered course together, following orders given by signal flags hoisted at the mast of the lead vessel.
3. The vessels several times altered their contours by use of camouflage drapes. This operation was carried out simultaneously and in a similar manner by each of the three boats. The camouflage drapes were hoisted half as high as the mast along the entire length of the ships.

4. [REDACTED] Each vessel had a relatively short mast, and a gun of about 37 mm on the forecastle. On each vessel the bridge was higher than the funnel. On the afterdeck of each were two davits.

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[REDACTED] Comment: The description indicates that these were [REDACTED] Presumably, they were boats [REDACTED] which were stationed at Warnemuende (N 54-10, E 12-06) at this time.

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